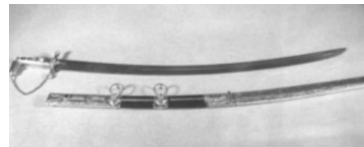# TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY THEFT

Truman Presidential Library
Independence, Missouri
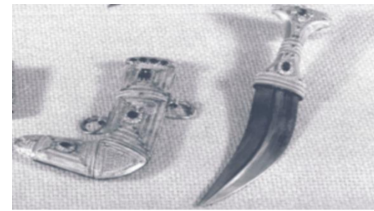### March 24, 1978

Display case in the library lobby before the theft

Weapon grip decorated with 9 diamonds in linear pattern, scabbard decorated with four diamonds in rhomboid shape

Weapon ivory grips, gold decoration chain leading from hand guard to pommel, diamonds and rubies on grips and scabbard

Weapon dagger hilt inlaid with 4 diamonds surrounding 1 emerald. Lower grip of dagger has 15 small diamonds surrounding oval ruby. Scabbard has 4 rubies at the throat and is also inlaid with an emerald over a ruby surrounded by 12 small diamonds. At tip of scabbard is ruby surrounded by 12 small diamonds.

REWARD

The FBI is offering a reward of up to $10,000 for information leading to the recovery of the swords stolen from the Truman Presidential Library or the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible.

DETAILS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Kansas City Field Office in Missouri is seeking information leading to the recovery of artifacts stolen in 1978 from the Truman Presidential Library, located at 500 West U.S. Highway 24 in Independence, Missouri.

On March 24, 1978, around 6:30 a.m., a car pulled up near the south gate of the library. Two suspects, believed to be aware of the library's security procedures, broke into the library and smashed a display case in the lobby. The display case contained three ceremonial swords and two daggers that had been given to President Truman by the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Saud and the Shah of Iran.

The theft took just minutes, and the suspects fled the building through a window. The items stolen were valued between $700,000 and $1,000,000 in 1978.

Anyone with information regarding the artifacts stolen from the Truman Presidential Library is asked to contact the FBI's Kansas City Field Office directly at (816) 512-8200.

You may also contact your local FBI office, or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.

Field Office: Kansas City